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## CURRENT STATUS OF NIE'S

Number: **SNIE 53-64**Title: **Chances for a Stable Government in South Vietnam**Classification: **SECRET** Requested By: **General Carroll (DIA) \***Board Member: **Smith** Reference: **USIB-M-346**Staff Member: **Carver** Formal Initiation Date: **2 Sep 64**

## SCHEDULE

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USIB-M-346, 2 Sep 64

9. Request for SNIE on South Vietnam

General Carroll invited attention to the uncertainty of the present situation in South Vietnam and suggested that, in view of impending policy decisions, there is a need for a special estimate concerning the prospects for a reliable government in South Vietnam. He further suggested that terms of reference could be developed under the coordination of BNE. He pointed out that such a coordinated estimate, prepared on an urgent basis, would be a valuable contribution to the policy makers.

The Chairman commented that some policy decisions will probably be made on next Tuesday and agreed that such a contribution would be useful. Noting that a great deal of work had been accomplished by the intelligence community in connection with the previous coup which ousted Diem, concerning the characters and policies of the various groups within South Vietnam, Mr. McCone suggested that an updating of that information might in itself be useful.

After further discussion, the Chairman requested General Carroll, Dr. Cline and Mr. Abbot Smith to consult on this subject and to propose appropriate action.\*

\* Subsequently, it was decided that an SNIE on the situation in South Vietnam would be prepared for consideration at a special USIB meeting at 1000 on Tuesday, 8 September 1964.